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August 3, 2016

Ms. Bettina Sullivan
Department of Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 1105
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Re:

<u>Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company</u> State Corporation Commission, Case No. PUE-2016-00079:

Oceana Solar Facility, Virginia Beach, Virginia

Dear Ms. Sullivan:

As required by Paragraph 3 of the Department of Environmental Quality-State Corporation Commission Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Environmental Impact Review (August 2002), the Commission Staff advises the Department of Environmental Quality that Virginia Electric and Power Company (the "Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission on August 1, 2016, the referenced Application for certification of a generation facility pursuant to §§ 56-46.1 and 56-580 of the Code of Virginia. According to the Application, the Company seeks to construct, on the Naval Air Station Oceana in the city of Virginia Beach, Virginia, a new, approximately 17.6 megawatt, utility-scale solar electric generating facility, which would be interconnected by new 34.5 kilovolt distribution facilities.

Pursuant to Paragraph 3 of the Memorandum of Agreement, the Commission Staff requests that the Department of Environmental Quality coordinate a review of the Company's Application by the appropriate agencies and provide us with an Impact Review. I ask that your office please advise me as soon as it is convenient about the sufficiency of the Application, the planned date for completing this review, and whether the proposed facilities are located in a region that was designated, as of July 1, 2001, as a serious nonattainment for the one-hour ozone standard as set forth in the Federal Clean Air Act. If for any reason the Application is incomplete for purposes of the Department of Environmental Quality's Impact Review, please notify the Commission Staff of the information the Department of Environmental Quality needs to complete such review.

The Commission Staff believes the Company has provided you with a copy of the Application. Notwithstanding, if the Department of Environmental Quality needs additional copies, I suggest that you contact counsel to the Company, Horace P. Payne, Esquire, Dominion Resources Services, Inc., 120 Tredegar Street, RS-2, Richmond, Virginia 23219. Mr. Payne's telephone number is (804) 819-2682.

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached by telephone at (804) 371-9671 or by e-mail at beth.clowers@scc.virginia.gov. On behalf of the Commission Staff, I want to thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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